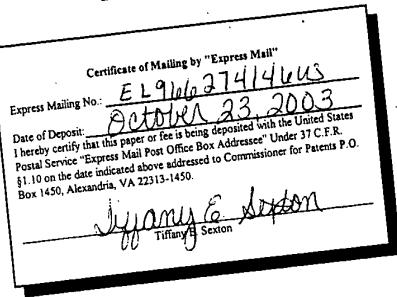


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT
Atty. Docket No. 1171/39383A/96A-DIV

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BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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TRANSMITTAL OF FILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

1. Type of Application

This new application for a

Continuation

Divisional

application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 09/856,412, which was filed on August 28, 2001, with originally named inventors Adam John DARBY, Ian Campbell McGILL, Lorraine NEVINSON, Laurence Evan SMYTHE, Samuel John Selwyn TAYLOR, Neil CHEYNE, Jonathan David HARWOOD and entitled "Laundry Machine".

2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s)

The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. application(s).

Amend the specification by inserting on the first page, after the title:

-- This application is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/856,412, which was accorded a filing date under 35 U.S.C. 371 of August 28, 2001, which was the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/NZ99/00193 which has an international filing date of November 17, 1999 and which was published in English on May 25, 2000 under International Publication Number WO 00/29660. --

3. **Papers Enclosed**

[X] 11 pages of specification
[X] 1 page of claims
[X] 1 page of Abstract
[X] 5 sheets of formal drawings
[X] 2 pages of *executed* declaration and power of attorney.
[X] 2 pages of an Application Data Sheet

4. **Amendments**

[] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

5. **Information Disclosure Statement**

[X] An Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith.

6. **Fee Calculation (37 CFR 1.16)**

CLAIMS AS FILED			
Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee
			\$ 770.00
Total Claims	2	0	x \$ 18.00 \$.00
Independent Claims	1	0	x \$ 86.00 \$.00
Multiple dependent claim(s), if any			+ \$290.00 \$.00
Filing Fee Calculation		\$	\$ 770.00

7. **Small Entity Status**

[] Applicant hereby asserts status as a Small Entity under 37 C.F.R. §1.27

8. **Inventorship Statement**

(a) With respect to the prior co-pending U.S. application from which this application claims benefit under 35 USC 120, the inventor(s) in this application is (are):

[] the same
[X] less than those named in the prior application. It is requested that the following inventors identified above for the prior application be deleted:
Adam John DARBY, Ian Campbell McGILL, Lorraine NEVINSON,
Laurence Evan SMYTHE and Jonathan David HARWOOD

(b) The inventorship for the claims in this application is:

the same.
 not the same. And an explanation, including the ownership of the various claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, is submitted.

9. **Assignment**

The prior application is assigned of record to
Fisher & Paykel Limited, 78 Springs Road, East Tamaki, Auckland, New Zealand

10. **Fee Payment Being Made At This Time**

basic filing fee: \$ 770.00
 recording assignment (\$40.00; 37 CFR 1.21(h))
(See attached "COVER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT ACCOMPANYING NEW
PATENT APPLICATION".)
 processing and retention fee (\$130.00; 37 CFR 1.53(d) and 1.21(l)).

11. **Method of Payment of Fees**

A check in the amount of \$770.00

12. **Authorization To Charge Additional Fees**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees which may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of the application to Account No. 20-1495.

37 CFR 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)
 37 CFR 1.16(b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)
 37 CFR 1.17 (application processing fees)

13. **Power of Attorney**

The power of attorney in the prior application is to
Raiford A. Blackstone, Jr., Reg. No. 25,156

a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Power as originally filed on August 28, 2001.

b. Because the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

c. A new power has been executed and is attached.

d. Address all future communications to:

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14. **Petition for Extension of Time in Prior Application**

A petition for extension of time and an amendment was filed on _____ with the pending parent application to extend the date for response up to and including _____.

A copy of the petition for extension of time in the pending parent application is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

TREXLER, BUSHNELL, GIANGIORGI,
BLACKSTONE & MARR, LTD.

Attorney for Applicant

Date: 01.23.2003

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